

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA SOUTHERN DIVISION

MEDICAL PROPERTIES TRUST, INC.,	)
Plaintiff	) ) )
V.	) Case No. 2:23-cv-00408-RDP
VICEROY RESEARCH LLC; FRASER JOHN PERRING; GABRIEL BERNARDE; and AIDAN LAU,	) ) ) )
Defendants	) )

## REPORT OF THE PARTIES' PLANNING MEETING

1. The following persons participated in a Rule 26(f) conference on June 13, 2023 in person or by video conference:

Nathaniel Cullerton, Charles Melman, Jomaire Crawford, Wesley Gilchrist, and Meghan Cole representing Plaintiff.

Richard Elias and J. Ken Thompson representing Defendant Viceroy Research LLC.

Richard Elias and J. Ken Thompson representing Defendant Fraser John Perring

- 2. Discovery Start Date. As used below, the term "Discovery Start Date" shall mean the date on which all currently pending motions to dismiss by Defendants Viceroy Research LLC and Fraser John Perring have been ruled on by the Court.
- 3. Initial Disclosures. The parties will complete the initial disclosures required by Rule 26(a)(1) no later than 14 days after the Discovery

Start Date.

- 4. Discovery Plan. The parties propose this discovery plan:
  - (a) Discovery will be needed on these subjects: (a) all of Plaintiff's claims against Defendants; (b) Defendants' defenses to Plaintiff's claims; and (c) damages. By executing this report, no party shall be deemed to (1) have waived the right to conduct discovery on subjects not listed herein, or (2) be required to first seek permission of the Court to conduct discovery with regard to subjects not listed herein.
  - (b) Discovery will be commenced in time to be completed by 270 days after the Discovery Start Date. The parties may issue discovery in advance of the Discovery Start Date and any such discovery will be deemed served on the Discovery Start Date.
    - Document productions to be made on a rolling basis and substantially completed by 120 days from the Discovery Start Date.
    - Fact depositions to be completed by 195 days from the Discovery Start Date.
    - Opening reports from experts retained by Plaintiff or Defendants under Rule 26(a)(2) to be due 210 days from the Discovery Start Date.
    - Rebuttal reports, if any, shall be due 240 days from the Discovery Start Date.
    - Depositions of any experts shall be completed by 270 days from the Discovery Start Date.
  - (c) Each party may serve a maximum of 25 interrogatories on any other party, and responses shall be due 30 days after service.
  - (d) Each party may serve a maximum of 25 requests for admission on any other party (other than requests to admit the genuineness

- of a document), and responses shall be due 30 days after service. The parties shall meet and confer regarding any limits on the number of requests to admit the genuineness of documents upon completion of document discovery.
- (e) Plaintiff may take 10 depositions and Defendants may collectively take 10 depositions unless additional depositions are stipulated to by the parties or authorized by leave of Court under Rule 30.
- (f) Each deposition shall be limited to a maximum of 7 hours unless extended by agreement of the parties or by the Court for good cause shown.
- (g) Parties shall supplement discovery under Rule 26(e) within 30 days after any party learns that in some material respect the information disclosed is incomplete or incorrect.

## 5. Other Items:

- (a) The parties do not request a conference with the Court before the issuance of a scheduling order.
- (b) The parties request that the Court hold a pretrial conference 30 days before trial.
- (c) The parties may amend their pleadings or add parties without leave of Court until 14 days after substantial completion of document discovery.
- (d) Dispositive motions shall be filed no later than 45 days after the close of discovery.
- (e) At this stage, the parties are unable to meaningfully assess the possibility of settlement.
- (f) At this stage, the parties are unable to identify an alternative dispute resolution procedure that may enhance prospect of settlement.
- (g) The parties shall submit designations of witnesses whose testimony

will be presented by deposition, and exhibit lists no later than 30 days before the pretrial conference. Objections shall be due within 15 days before the pretrial conference.

- Motions in limine fully briefed 15 days before the pretrial (h) conference.
- The parties request a trial date in late 2024, and estimate that trial (i) will take approximately two weeks.
- The parties are discussing disclosure of electronically stored (j) information ("ESI") and have agreed to negotiate a protocol regarding the form of production of hard copy documents and ESI.
- (k) The parties request that the Court enter its standard Protective Order attached as Exhibit III to the Initial Order.

Date: June 27, 2023

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